



## **Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission January 05, 2020**

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, January 5, 6:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jeremy Farr, Chair  
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair  
William "Bill" Blair  
Phillip Kraft  
Michelle Loposky  
Timothy Rogers  
Chantele Carr  
Alfred Trevino

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Cameron Johnson

**Staff Present:**

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director  
Terrisa Mays, Administrative Assistant II

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances**

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of December 1, 2020 Minutes**

**MOTION:** Motion to APPROVE December 1, 2020 minutes by Commission Member Phil Kraft

**SECOND:** Motion seconded by Commission Member Abe McCann

**AYES:** Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members Bill Blair, Phillip Kraft, Michelle Loposky, Alfred Trevino, Timothy Rogers, and Chantele Carr,

**ABSENT:** Commission Members Cameron Johnson

**Agenda Item 5 – Chair's Remarks**

Chair Jeremy Farr welcomed everyone and thanked commission members for their efforts and contributions.

**Agenda Item 6 – MAC Sponsored Scholarships and Awards– Sukki Jahnke, CMP, Tempe Chamber of Commerce**

Sukki Jahnke presented on the Military Affairs Committee. MAC has surpassed sponsorship and fundraising goals for the year. The Red, White and Blue awards ceremony to occur in April. 2021 Merle Fister Veteran Scholarship application is currently open, commission members encouraged to share. 2021 Kyle Brayer Veteran in Public Safety Award is in progress. Upcoming speakers to MAC include James Pippert from the Small Business Association to discuss programs for veterans and financing small businesses, also a representative from Kyrsten Sinema's office to discuss upcoming legislation regarding veterans. Commission members encouraged to attend MAC meetings, discuss Commission initiatives. Sukki informs the commission that as honorary Commander at Luke Air Force Base and business liaison a tour for the Veteran's Commission of the base can be arranged post COVID-19. Commission Chair Jeremy Farr thanks Sukki for her attendance and information on scholarships.

**Agenda Item 7 – Veterans Banners in Downtown Tempe – Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage and Julie Kent, Downtown Tempe Authority**

Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage and Julie Kent present on veterans' banners in downtown Tempe. Model city Oswego, NY, purchased lamppost banners to be hung in veterans' honor. For Tempe, banners could be added annually and families could purchase banners. Julie Kent presents potential costs for materials and installation and provides website for commission members to review. Display period of banners would be up to the Downtown Tempe Authority. Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage asks for feedback from the Commission by the end of the month. This could help determine who gets banners and be most beneficial to the community. Commission members are in agreement that it is a great idea and want to pursue. Memorial Day and Veteran's Day are options for banner launch to honor veterans in Tempe. Feedback to be sent to Tim Gomez or Octavia Harris.

**Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements**

Chair Jeremy Farr to send out Murph Military Family Relief Fund info, it is public and looking for applicants. Phil Kraft informs commission that his chorus is offering singing recorded Valentine's, more details to come. Michelle Loposky updates commission on ASU, classes to resume Monday classes will be on campus and virtually. Octavia Harris informs committee that survey, and newsletter have both been sent out, informs commission there are currently nineteen survey responses and encourages commission to share link.

**Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items – February 2, 2021**

Veterans Banner Program

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**Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be on February 2, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Terrisa Mays

Reviewed by Octavia Harris

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Jeremy Farr, Chair

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